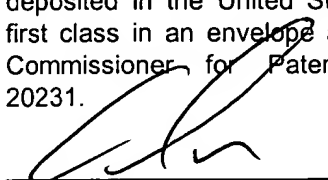


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES

REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated September 23, 2002, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to November 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 27-29 without prejudice.